

IC 20-10.1-2

Chapter 2. Calendar; Annual Observances; National Anthem; United States Flag

IC 20-10.1-2-1

School year; student instructional day; reduction of tuition support; waiver

Sec. 1. (a) A school year is the period of time beginning after June 30 of each year and ending before July 1 of the following year, except when a different period is specified for a particular purpose.

(b) A student instructional day in grades 1 through 6 consists of a minimum of five (5) hours of instructional time. A student instructional day in grades 7 through 12 consists of a minimum of six (6) hours of instructional time. For purposes of this section, instructional time is time in which students are participating in an approved course, curriculum, or educationally related activity under the direction of a teacher, including a reasonable amount of passing time between classes. However, instructional time does not include lunch or recess.

(c) For the 1987-88 school year, each school corporation shall conduct at least one hundred seventy-five (175) student instructional days. For the 1988-89 school year and each school year after that, each school corporation shall conduct at least one hundred eighty (180) student instructional days. No later than June 15 of each school year, the superintendent of each school corporation shall certify to the department the number of student instructional days conducted during that school year.

(d) If a school corporation fails to conduct the minimum number of student instructional days during a school year as required under subsection (c), the department shall reduce the August tuition support distribution to that school corporation by an amount determined as follows:

(1) For the 1987-88 school year, the amount determined under STEP THREE of the following formula:

STEP ONE: Divide the amount of the total tuition support allocated to the school corporation for the 1987-88 school year by one hundred seventy-five (175).

STEP TWO: Subtract the number of student instructional days that the school corporation conducted from one hundred seventy-five (175).

STEP THREE: Multiply the amount determined under STEP ONE by the amount determined under STEP TWO.

(2) For the 1988-89 school year and each school year after that, the amount determined under STEP NINE of the following formula:

STEP ONE: Determine the remainder of:

(A) the amount of the total tuition support allocated to the school corporation for the particular school year; minus

(B) that part of the total tuition support allocated to the school corporation for that school year with respect to

student instructional days one hundred seventy-six (176) through one hundred eighty (180).

STEP TWO: Subtract the number of student instructional days that the school corporation conducted from one hundred eighty (180).

STEP THREE: Determine the lesser of five (5) or the remainder determined under STEP TWO.

STEP FOUR: Divide the amount subtracted under STEP ONE(B) by five (5).

STEP FIVE: Multiply the quotient determined under STEP FOUR by the number determined under STEP THREE.

STEP SIX: Subtract the number determined under STEP THREE from the remainder determined under STEP TWO.

STEP SEVEN: Divide the remainder determined under STEP ONE by one hundred seventy-five (175).

STEP EIGHT: Multiply the quotient determined under STEP SEVEN by the remainder determined under STEP SIX.

STEP NINE: Add the product determined under STEP FIVE to the product determined under STEP EIGHT.

(e) The department may grant a waiver of the penalty imposed under subsection (d) for a particular number of cancelled student instructional days if:

- (1) the school corporation applies to the department for a waiver of the penalty imposed under subsection (d) for a specific number of cancelled student instructional days; and
- (2) each of the particular number of student instructional days requested to be waived under this subsection was cancelled due to extraordinary circumstances.

(f) The department shall develop guidelines for school corporations to apply for a waiver under subsection (e).

(Formerly: Acts 1975, P.L.240, SEC.1.) As amended by P.L.390-1987(ss), SEC.20; P.L.5-1988, SEC.106.

IC 20-10.1-2-2

Minimum school term

Sec. 2. Minimum School Term. The minimum length for a school term is nine (9) months.

(Formerly: Acts 1975, P.L.240, SEC.1.)

IC 20-10.1-2-3

Arbor Day

Sec. 3. The last Friday of April is designated for general observance as Arbor Day to encourage the planting of shade and forest trees, shrub, and vines. Each year the governor shall proclaim Arbor Day at least thirty (30) days before it occurs. Appropriate exercises giving due honor to the conservators of forestry, to the founders of the study and conservation of Indiana forestry, and to a leading spirit of Indiana forestry conservation, Charles Warren Fairbanks, may be prepared by each superintendent and conducted in each school and by communities throughout Indiana.

(Formerly: Acts 1975, P.L.240, SEC.1.) As amended by P.L.136-1991, SEC.10.

IC 20-10.1-2-4

Other observances

Sec. 4. Other Observances. The public schools shall appropriately observe the commemorations designated in IC 1971, 1-1-9, IC 1971, 1-1-10, and IC 1971, 1-1-11.

(Formerly: Acts 1975, P.L.240, SEC.1.)

IC 20-10.1-2-5

National Anthem

Sec. 5. The state board of education shall require the singing of the entire national anthem, "Star Spangled Banner", in each school on all patriotic occasions and shall arrange to supply the words and music in sufficient quantity for these purposes.

(Formerly: Acts 1975, P.L.240, SEC.1.) As amended by P.L.20-1984, SEC.105.

IC 20-10.1-2-6

United States flag

Sec. 6. United States Flag. (a) Each governing body shall procure a United States flag, size four by six feet, for each school under its supervision.

(b) If weather conditions permit, each governing body shall require that the United States flag be displayed on every school under their control on every day the school is in session. If the flag is not displayed outdoors for any reason, it shall be displayed in the principal room or assembly hall. Each governing body shall establish rules and regulations for the proper care, custody, and display of the flag.

(c) A person who violates subsection (b) of this section commits a Class C infraction.

(Formerly: Acts 1975, P.L.240, SEC.1.) As amended by Acts 1978, P.L.2, SEC.2009.